

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

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## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Methods for staining cells in the human or animal body, the method comprising applying to the cells in the body a physiologically compatible aqueous solution of a dye which does not represent a vital dye and is biocompatible. The dye is preferably patent blue V or brilliant blue R, and is preferably used for production of dye agent for non-cytotoxic visualisation of cells, in particular delimiting or separating membranes in the human or animal body, in particular in the eye. Also disclosed are dye solutions comprising patent blue V or brilliant blue R.